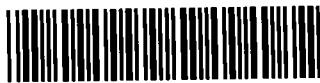




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OFFICE OF  
THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Status of Hotline Case No. 476

FROM: Anna M. Virbick *Anna M. Virbick*  
Assistant Inspector General for  
Management and Technical Assessment

TO: William H. Sanders III, Director  
Environmental Services Division  
Region 5

Our files indicate that Hotline Case No. 476 was referred to Michael J. Wrich, Chief, Pesticide and Toxic Substances Branch on November 14, 1985. On February 12, 1986, we sent a followup memorandum to Mr. Wrich on the disposition of this case.

Attached for your information is a copy of our initial memorandum. We would appreciate your assistance in determining the current status of this case which we are carrying as an open matter. Please inform us of the status of this case by May 9, 1986, so that we may update our records.

Should your staff need additional information, please have them contact Jewel Freeman of my staff on 475-8960.

Attachment

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Hotline Case No. 476

FROM: Roscoe R. Davis  
Assistant Inspector General for  
Management and Technical Assessment

TO: Mitchell J. Wrich, Chief  
Pesticide and Toxic Substances Branch  
Region 5

The Office of Inspector General received an anonymous hotline complaint alleging illegal dumping of hazardous material.

According to the complainant, sometime in 1980 the Ethyl Corporation located on Eight Mile Road, Ferndale, Michigan, buried 55 gallon drums of tetraethyllead and covered them with asphalt. He believes they are still buried in the northwest corner of the facility, beneath the parking lot.

The complainant stated that the property is currently for sale. The complainant is concerned that a purchaser would never know that toxic chemicals are buried on the site and could trigger an extremely dangerous leak.

We are referring this complaint to you for your review and appropriate action. We request that you inform us of the results of your review by December 13, 1985.

Should your staff have questions, please have them contact Jim McCee of my staff on FTS 382-4929.